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AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR
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FILM FESTIVAL
Saturday, March 13, 6:30 p.m.

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Join the hundreds of Chesterfield County residents who come each year to see and hear exciting speakers share their outdoor adventures and experiences with nature. View the thrilling selections of the Banff Mountain Film Festival.

All lectures will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the film festival will begin at 6:30 p.m. All programs will take place at Monacan High School, located at 11501 Smoketree Drive. Admission is free.

This Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation special event is made possible through the financial support of E.I. duPont de Nemours & Co. Inc. The Holiday Inn Select Koger Center provides accommodations for the speakers.

For more information, please call Mark Battista at 706-9690 or Noel Losen at 748-1129.

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ERIC SIMONSON,
WORLD-CLASS EXPEDITION LEADER
 Mystery of Mallory and Irvine
Thursday, Jan. 29, 7:30 p.m.
 Monacan High School, 11501 Smoketree Drive



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Eric Simonson specializes in ascents of Mt. Everest and other 8,000-meter peaks. A professional guide since 1973, Simonson has conducted more than 85 expeditions around the world, including 25 to the Himalayas. His climbing resume includes expeditions on every continent. His ascents include the "Seven Summits," Mt. Vinson, Mt. Elbrus, Aconcagua, Carstensz Pyramid, Cho Oyu and eight expeditions on Mt. Everest. He has made more than 270 ascents of Mt. Rainier in Washington state and 16 ascents of Denali in Alaska.

In 1924, explorers George Mallory and Andrew Irvine disappeared during an expedition on Mt. Everest. During a 1999 Mallory and Irvine research expedition, led by Simonson, the remains of George Mallory were found. A return expedition in 2001, again led by Simonson, shed more light on this mountaineering mystery. Simonson penned two books, "Ghosts of Everest," published in October 1999, which is the story of the 1999 expedition and "Detectives on Everest: The 2001 Mallory and Irvine Research Expedition," which was published in August 2002. Books will be available for purchase.

MICHAEL FARLEY,
FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
 Walk for the Children of Makindu Expedition
Tuesday, Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m.
 Monacan High School, 11501 Smoketree Drive

Michael Farley relates the story of the Walk for the Children of Makindu Expedition, a 250-kilometer trek in northern Kenya through the Suguta Valley to Lake Turkana.

Farley's passion for Kenya and the valley, one of the hottest and most remote places in east Africa, shines as he shares the story of his 25-year relationship with the people of Makindu, Kenya. The Walk for the Children was inspired by the many orphans at the Makindu Children's Center, most of whom have been left parentless by the overwhelming AIDS epidemic in Africa. The walk raised more than \$43,000 for the children's center.

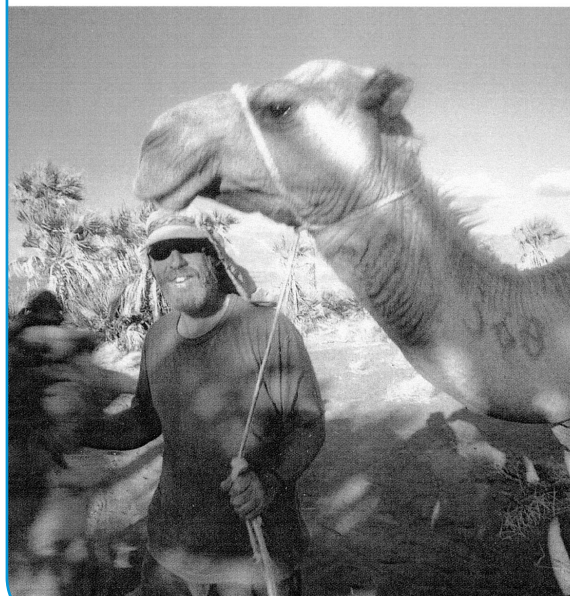


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MARIA COFFEY,
AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR
 "Where the Mountain Casts Its Shadow"
Tuesday, Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m.
 Monacan High School, 11501 Smoketree Drive



Maria Coffey, photo © Dag Goering.
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Maria Coffey has written more than 10 books, including four for children, that chronicle the worldwide adventures she has shared with her husband, photographer and veterinarian, Dag Goering.

Coffey will share excerpts from her latest book, "Where the Mountain Casts Its Shadow: The Dark Side of Extreme Adventure," which was the winner of the 2003 Jon Whyte Award for mountain literature. Through extensive interviews with the world's most elite climbers and their families and by exploring her personal experiences, she tackles the romantic myth of mountaineering and paints a true picture of its private world, moments of exhilaration and personal costs. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Goering will join Coffey during the second part of the program for a presentation of their 900-mile kayak trip on the Ganges River in India from the foothills of the Himalayas to the dusty Gangetic Plain.

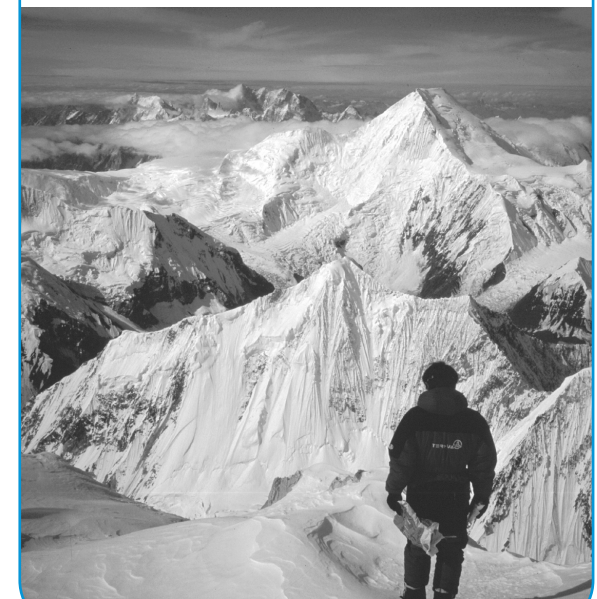
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This popular festival of mountain films has been celebrating the spirit of adventure for 28 years.

Each November, adventure enthusiasts flock to Banff, Canada, to experience the world's best mountain adventure films. Film topics range from rock-climbing and paragliding to wildlife and unique mountain environments.

The festival is the oldest and largest of its kind in North America, and one of the most prestigious in the world.

This selection of the finest films from the competition offers a worldwide glimpse of the fragile mountain environments and the men and women who explore them.



From the film "Your Himalayas". Special Jury mention, 2003 Banff Mountain Film Festival.